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During 1951 and 1952, Engineer Aleksander Szpilewicz¹ department head in the Polish Ministry of Mining, Krucza 3, Warsaw, made several official visits to the DDR in his capacity as liaison official between the Polish Ministry of Mining and the DDR Government. He is charged in particular with maintaining liaison with the DDR State Planning Commission and its Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik (ZAFTE) for the purpose of scientific-technical cooperation and exchange of experiences in the field of mining. Szpilewicz' latest trip to the DDR occurred during the latter part of April 1952. He remained in the DDR until 2 May 1952. During the first part of this visit, Szpilewicz was in company of one Ackermann (fnu) whom he introduced as an official of the Polish Ministry of Mining. The two men were shown an exhibition of synthetic products in Leipzig by the head of the DDR State Planning Commission, Heinrich Rau, and by officials of ZAFTE. Later, Szpilewicz visited ZAFTE alone on a number of occasions, in particular its WIZ department (Wissenschaftlich-Technische Zusammenarbeit), charged with scientific-technical cooperation between the DDR and the peoples' democracies, the Konstruktionsbuero Industriebau (KI), Berlin, and the Polish Trade Mission in Berlin.

1. Comment: About 42 years old; married; two children; speaks German fluently.

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